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GRACE: NECESSITY AND ESSENCE



Name: _____ Date: _____

Words to know:

unmerited (*undeserved; unearned*)

GOD'S LOVE
God's love is the _____ of all that is good. In contrast, human love is called forth by the _____ we _____ in things. "Cause" of God's Love: God loves us not because _____ are good, but because _____ is _____. God loves rational creatures so much that he wants to _____ us into His very _____.

GRACE	
God's unmerited _____ or _____ toward us, as when we say that God is _____.	The _____ or the good that God brings about in us as a _____ of this undeserved favor. Grace in this sense is the _____ in us of God's love or of His graciousness to us.

GRACE/NATURE DISTINCTION	
NATURE	GRACE
The dynamic _____ according to which a being _____ and by which it is ordered to an _____ proportionate to it. Built into or _____ to the creature.	The _____ of God _____ and _____ nature. Neither included in nor _____ to the human creature.
Things we can do by nature...	





Wounded Nature...

Our first parents chose to love a _____ more than God, and as a result, their souls became _____ and _____.

Through this sin, they became subject to _____ and slaves to _____.

After the fall, our nature, when left to itself, cannot reliably accomplish the naturally good things it was _____ to do.

What is more, left without grace, we may be able to resist some particular _____, but Aquinas thinks that we won't be able to resist all sins, that we'll eventually fall into _____.

Necessity of Grace...

1. For _____ the wounds of original sin.

2. For _____ the person to _____ with _____.

(We cannot even begin to desire this kind of personal _____ with God, that is, sharing in the divine nature, unless God _____ us to this supernatural possibility of grace.)

Aquinas doesn't think that you can get to heaven by doing your _____ on your own to be a _____.

PELAGIANISM (false)	AUGUSTINIANISM (true)	SEMI-PELAGIANISM (false)
Taught that we can _____ God and avoid _____ by our own unaided efforts.	We absolutely stand in need of God's _____, healing and _____ our nature, in order to be _____.	Admits that we need _____ to be saved, but thinks that God will give that grace to those who do a good job _____ for it.

Comprehension question: Your friend says that all he needs to do to get to heaven is to be a good person. What could you say in response?

